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Amendment

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REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration of the application, and for deeming claim 4 allowable if rewritten in independent form incorporating all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims from which it depends.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 3 and 4. Claims 3, 4, and 9 – 20 have been canceled.

With regard to the subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner, the applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, the applicant believes that the remaining claims in the application are allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.


The claims remaining in the application, (namely, claims 1, 2, and 5 – 8) now all include the limitations of claim 4 and the claims from which it depends. The Applicants believe that the application is thus now in condition for allowance, and favorable action by the Examiner is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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